

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please make the following amendments to the specification.

Please replace paragraph [0185] with the following paragraph:

Reference is now made to Fig. 21A which is an annotated sequence of an EST comprising a novel gene detected by the gene detection system of the present invention. Fig. 21A shows the nucleotide sequence of a known human non-protein coding EST (Expressed Sequence Tag), identified as EST72223 (SEQ ID NO: 99803). It is appreciated that the sequence of this EST comprises sequences of one known miRNA gene, identified as MIR98, and of one novel GAM gene, referred to here as GAM24, detected by the bioinformatic gene detection system of the present invention, described hereinabove with reference to Fig. 9.

Please replace paragraph [0190] with the following paragraph:

Transcript preparations: Digoxigenin (DIG) labeled transcripts were prepared from EST72223 (TIGER), MIR98 and predicted precursor hairpins by using a DIG RNA labeling kit (Roche Molecular Biochemicals) according to the manufacturer's protocol. Briefly, PCR products with T7 promoter at the 5" end or T3 promoter at the 3" end were prepared from each DNA in order to use it as a template to prepare sense and antisense transcripts, respectively. MIR-98 was amplified using EST72223 as a template with T7miR98 forward primer: 5"-TAATAC GACTCACTATAAGGGTAGGTAGTAAGTTGTATTGTT-3" (SEQ ID NO: 99806) and T3miR98 reverse primer: 5"-AATT AACCCCTCACTAAAGGGAAAGTACTAAGTTGTATAGTT-3" (SEQ ID NO: 99807). EST72223 was amplified with T7-EST 72223 forward primer: 5"-TAATACGACTCACTATAAGG CCCTTATTAGAGGATTCTGCT-3" (SEQ ID NO: 99808) and T3-EST72223 reverse primer: 5"-AATTAAACCCTCACTAAAGG TTTTTTTTCCTGAGACAGAGT-3" (SEQ ID NO: 99809). Bet-4 was amplified using EST72223 as a template with Bet-4 forward primer: 5"-GAGGCAGGAGAATTGCTTGA- 3" (SEQ ID NO: 99810) and T3-EST72223 reverse primer: 5"-AAT TAACCCTCACTAAAGGCCTGAGACAGAGTCTTGCTC-3" (SEQ ID NO: 99811).

Please replace paragraph [0197] with the following paragraph:

Reference is now made to Fig. 22A which is an annotated sequence of an EST comprising a novel gene detected by the gene detection system of the present invention. Fig. 22A shows the nucleotide sequence of a known human non-protein coding EST (Expressed Sequence Tag), identified as EST 7929020 (SEQ ID NO: 99804). It is appreciated that the sequence of this EST comprises sequences of two novel GAM genes, referred to here as GAM23 and GAM25, detected by the bioinformatic gene detection system of the present invention, described hereinabove with reference to Fig. 9.

Please replace paragraph [0200] with the following replacement paragraph:

Reference is now made to Fig. 23A which is an annotated sequence of an EST comprising a novel gene detected by the gene detection system of the present invention. Fig. 23A shows the nucleotide sequence of a known human non-protein coding EST (Expressed Sequence Tag), identified as EST 1388749 (SEQ ID NO: 99805). It is appreciated that the sequence of this EST comprises sequence of a novel GAM gene, referred to here as GAM26, detected by the bioinformatic gene detection system of the present invention, described hereinabove with reference to Fig. 9.